

Mandatory Long Term Care (LTC) Criminal Records Check Program

Georgia law requires that owners of personal care homes, assisted living communities, private home care providers, and community living arrangements have a criminal records check prior to the issuance of a license or permit. Also, administrators/directors/managers of personal care homes and assisted living communities must also have a criminal records check. The criminal records checks consist of a Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint check and the owners and administrators/directors/managers must receive a satisfactory determination from the Department of Community Health (DCH). The determination is based on the criminal history information DCH receives from the GCIC and FBI and is evaluated against the various disqualifying crimes.

The Mandatory LTC Program is limited to the following provider types:

- O.C.G.A. § 31-2-9 (owners)
- O.C.G.A. § 31-7-250 (administrators/directors/managers)
- O.C.G.A. § 31-7-259(b) requires personal care home employees to have a GCIC Georgia criminal background check; however, fingerprinting is not mandatory.